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In the claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip forming a slideway for a motor vehicle window pane, the strip comprising ~~at least~~ a fixing portion in the form of a channel-section clip suitable for engaging on a flange of the frame of a window opening of the vehicle, and a support portion having integral therewith one or more supporting sealing lips which are suitable for coming into sliding contact with ~~[[a]] said sliding window pane, the fixing portion being made from a rigid thermoplastic material without the presence of reinforcing means, and wherein a hinge is formed~~ portion between the fixing portion and the support portion ~~supporting the sealing lips, wherein said fixing portion comprises a rigid thermoplastic material without the presence of reinforcing elements.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein ~~the said support portion supporting the sealing lips~~ is made of a thermoplastic material having a bending modulus that is ~~much~~ smaller than that of the thermoplastic material used for the fixing portion of the weatherstrip.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 2, wherein ~~the said support portion supporting the sealing lips~~ is made of a flexible thermoplastic material.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein ~~the said hinge portion is obtained by reducing~~ comprises a wall having a thickness that allows said support portion to move independently of said fixing portion.

5. (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein the hinge is made of a material that is more flexible than the material used for making the fixing portion and the sealing lip support portion.

6. (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 5, wherein the hinge is made of a thermoplastic elastomer.

7. (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein the fixing portion and the portion supporting the sealing lips are made of polypropylene.

8. (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, further comprising at least one retaining abutment for opposing removal of the clip when mounted on the flange.

9. (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 8, wherein the retaining abutment is situated on one of the two jaws of the clip, extending towards the inside of the clip and suitable for coming into contact with a projection from the flange.

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10. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein the clip is adapted to engage a flange supporting the clip is constituted by at least one piece of sheet metal, and wherein the ~~strip weatherstrip~~ also includes at least one lip for controlling the positioning of the clip on the flange as a function of the sheet metal clearances thereof, and wherein the ~~clearance-accommodating lip is situated at the end of one of the jaws or inside the clip.~~

11. (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, forming a single-flange type slideway.

12. (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, forming a hidden frame type slideway.